



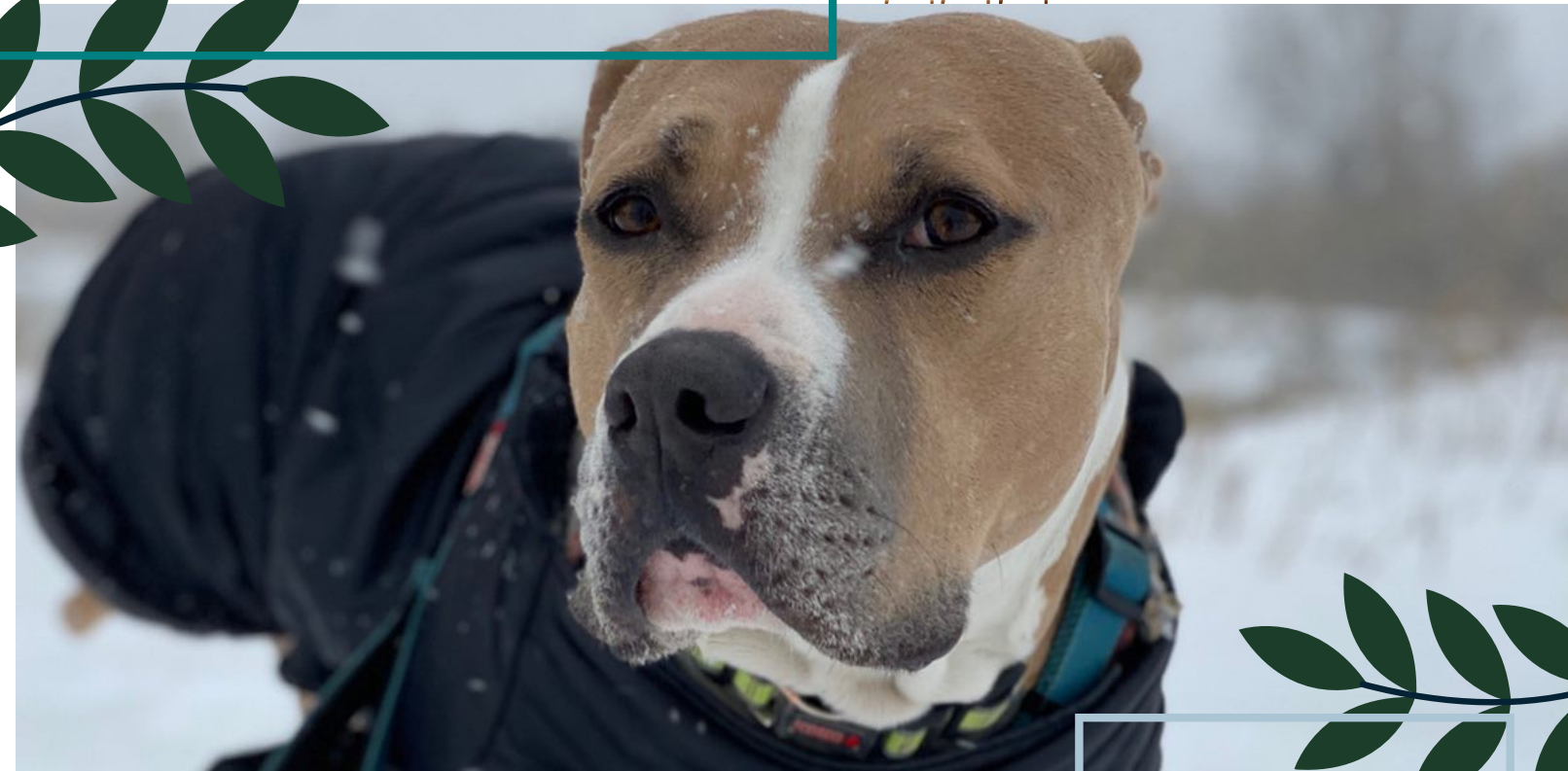
WHAT'S UP, DACC?

DECEMBER 2020



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL

LATEST NEWS FROM OUR
ANIMAL CARE CENTERS



MEET OUR LICENSING TEAM!

by Meriam Pope, Licensing Division

Small but mighty, the County of Los Angeles Department of Animal Care and Control (DACC) Licensing Division looks forward to a strong finish in 2020. Under Manager Justin Guzman and Sgt. Adrienne Rodriguez's leadership, our dedicated crew is always ready to talk to and guide our constituents as they comply with the County's laws and regulations. With the increased demand in adoptions during these challenging times, license purchases have followed this trend.

Thanks to improvements on our website, our constituents are finding it easier than ever to renew or obtain a new pet license from the comfort and safety of their homes. These license sales have provided an important stream of funding for vital work at our animal care centers (ACCs) during this pandemic. Our phone line is available M-Th from 7am to 5pm. [Licensing Division](#): (562) 345-0400

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- Officer Salvador Gomez

MORE THAN JUST CATS AND DOGS

STORY PROVIDED BY CPL. MELODY EMMICK

For weeks, the High Desert area had become home to an evasive emu. Running into traffic and creating a hazard to the community, this scared and flightless bird incited numerous requests for service in both the Lancaster and Palmdale jurisdictions. However, this was by no means an easy feat even for a professional. Several officers had attempted to catch this large bird and were even able to corner it in fenced off areas, but the emu—with the ability to jump over seven feet and run up to 30 mph—still managed to avoid rescue.

That is until Palmdale Officer and expert roper, Salvador Gomez, arrived on scene. Using his lariat, Officer Gomez was finally able to rescue the frightened emu as it attempted to flee up a mountain. "I couldn't have done it without the community's help in keeping the emu off the main road and assisting with carrying him safely (via a John Deere Gator utility vehicle) onto our ACV from the mountain," said Officer Gomez, remaining humble despite his impressive achievement.

While flightless, emus are considered the second fastest bird on land, only behind ostriches. Thanks to Officer Gomez, it was a happy ending for both the High Desert community and this magnificent emu, now named Kevin, who was officially adopted on December 3, 2020!



Animal Adoptions

Some Animal Adoptions in November!



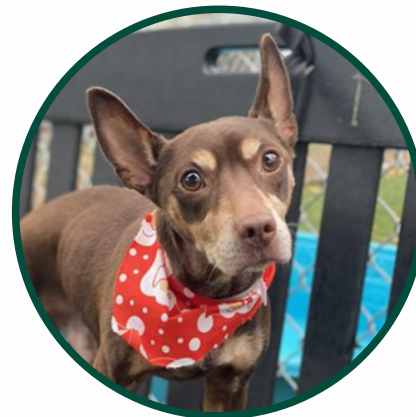
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Looking to add a family member this holiday season?

Schedule an appointment to adopt by emailing an animal care center directly. Click [HERE](#) for more information!!

CAT FEES WAIVED!

ADOPTION, MICROCHIP, AND
VACCINATION FEES WILL BE
WAIVED THROUGH DECEMBER.

ALL LA COUNTY CARE CENTERS
DECEMBER 1 - 31, 2020



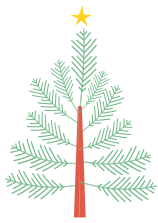
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DECEMBER NEWS

FROM AROUND OUR ANIMAL CARE CENTERS

HOLIDAY WISHES WINNER!

Thanks to a submission from a resident who adopted from the Baldwin Park Animal Care Center, DACC was selected as one of the Petco Foundation's Holiday Wishes grant winners! The Petco Foundation awarded \$25,000 to DACC to support the department's lifesaving efforts.

View the winner's story [HERE!](#)



JOE WALKER DONATION

On November 20, 2020, the Community Service Committee from Joe Walker Middle School graciously donated blankets, towels, boxes of wet food, potty pads and a few other small items to the Lancaster Animal Care Center.

Interested in donating to DACC this Holiday season? Click [HERE!](#)



NOVEMBER TALES!



NICKY THE YORKIE

On November 23, 2020, a senior Yorkie was brought to the Lancaster Animal Care Center. During its intake exam, staff was able to locate an active microchip. The Lancaster team contacted the owner as usual, but were informed by the dog's owner that he had lost his dog 11 years ago!

The pet owners traveled 120 miles to be reunited with their dog, "**Nicky**". After over a decade, Nicky was finally in his mother's arms again—and just in time for the holidays. This reunification moment was truly a Christmas miracle!



KITTEN IN NEED

The Carson Animal Care Center received a call for service in the City of Inglewood for a kitten found with blood coming from its mouth. The Carson team immediately brought the kitten back to the care center where he was diagnosed with a degloved lower jaw and in need of surgery.

The procedure, which was performed by Dr. I-Shun Chen, was a success and the kitten was placed into foster care where he could recover. On November 30, 2020, this brave little kitten was officially adopted!

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